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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 28TH, 1911.

It is of interest and perhaps considerable
significance to note that an authoritative
denial has been published that YUAN SHIN-
KAI expressed himself to TANG SHAO YI, the
Imperial Peace Envoy, as definitely
opposed to the establishment of a republican
form of government. The further state-
ment that TANG SHAO YI disbelieves that
the Premier has told anybody that "he will
never agree to a republic," suggests that
it would be premature yet to conclude that
the Peace Conference has failed. The
armistice lasts until 8 a.m. on the 31st
inst., and probably the limit will be nearly
reached before a definite answer is
given to this, the foremost demand of
the Revolutionary delegates. Meanwhile
the discussion which is taking place
as to who is to be the first President
of the Republic of China shows
clearly enough that the Revolutionary or-
ganisation will not countenance a settlement
based on the retention of the monarchy.
Outside China the general idea seems to
be that the highest post in the land under a
republican form of Government is reserved
in the first instance for Dr. SUN YAT SEN,
who passed through Hongkong last week
from Europe on his way to Shanghai to
participate in the deliberations which
have been proceeding there for some weeks
upon the draft constitution and the policy
of the new Government. Indeed in one of
the Singapore papers Dr. SUN YAT SEN is
credited with having told the leaders of the
party he met there that "he would establish

the Provisional Government on a firm basis,
and he himself would have to be the head of
it. His election, of course, would
have to be by the mandate of the fourteen
provinces that are now in the revolutionary
union. The European financial houses that
he had interviewed had made that an im-
perative condition of their acquiescence in the
raising of loans for the Provisional Govern-
ment—that he, Dr. SUN YAT SEN, should
be elected its president by the unanimous
vote of the fourteen provinces which would
be responsible for the interest on and repay-
ment of the loan. He had no fear of any
difficulty in the matter of raising adequate
funds. The statement that European
financial houses had made it an imperative
condition of their support that Dr. SUN YAT
SEN should be the first President is inhe-
rently improbable. In the North SUN YAT
SEN does not appear to have been regarded
as "in the running" for the position. When
a mass meeting was held at Soochow a fort-
night ago to get an expression of opinion as
to the choice of the first President of the
new Republic, the name of Dr. SUN YAT SEN
was not even suggested. The three names
before the meeting were WANG HAIJIN, LI
YUAN HENG and YUAN SHIN KAI. The
name of the Premier aroused a storm of
opposition, and it was accordingly
erased from the blackboard. The final
result was that a majority expressed
themselves in favour of LI YUAN HENG,
who is the Commander-in-Chief of
the Revolutionary forces. Some days
previous to this Conference one of the
correspondents in the field had an interview
with the General, and in the course of the
conversation the information was elicited that
"Dr. SUN YAT SEN's party was not asso-
ciated with the Republican party, nor had
he any authority from him. He had heard
a good deal of SUN YAT SEN and of KANG
YU WEI, but knew neither of them. He
was willing, however, that all Chinese of
ability should come forward and join the
Republican party, and help to uplift their
country." It is evident from these expres-
sions of opinion that the selection of a
President is likely to lead to a good deal of
dissension if the claims of SUN YAT SEN
are pressed along the lines in the paragraph
we have extracted from a Singapore con-
temporary. It is not surprising in these
circumstances to learn that among the
Republican delegates who have been in
conference in Shanghai there is a strong
tendency to favour the Swiss system rather than the United States
model, so that sectional strife over the
election of a President may be avoided,
SUN YAT SEN's candidature would doubtless
command the support of the southern
provinces, but without strong backing from
leaders better known in the North, there
does not seem at present much likelihood of
Dr. SUN YAT SEN being called by a mandate
of the whole of the provinces to fill that
position of honour and heavy responsibility
which his friends in Europe and America
have predicted for him. But there is
perhaps time yet for Dr. SUN, now that he
has reached Shanghai, to so impress his
personality upon the future course of the
revolution as to win for his candidature the
support in the North it now lacks.

Mr. Beilby Alston, of the Foreign Office,
is staying at Government House.

The standard time of Korea is to be made
identical with that of Tokyo from the 1st
of January.

At the Fochow race meeting Mr. Vida,
who rode in 17 races, won 12 firsts, 2 seconds
and 3 thirds.

For concealing a case of smallpox in
Queen's Road a Chinese was at the Magis-
tracy yesterday fined \$25.

The health return for last week stated
that two cases of bubonic plague (one fatal),
two cases of diphtheria (one fatal), two cases
of enteric fever, one of puerperal fever, and
eleven cases of smallpox (nine fatal) had
been notified. All were Chinese with the
exception of one case of diphtheria and one
of scarlet fever. All the smallpox cases were
imported.

There will be an official dinner at Gov-
ernment House to-night, to which the follow-
ing have been invited:—Dr. and Mrs.
Atkinson, Mr. Gompertz, Mr. and Mrs.
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TELEGRAMS. TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RUSSIA [AND PERSIA.]

WOMEN AND CHILDREN BUTCHERED.

LONDON, December 27th.

Reuter's correspondent at Teheran wires
that telegrams from the Vice-Governor at
Tabriz represent the situation as appalling.
He says:—"I swear before God that innocent
women and children are being butchered in
cold blood, and that 500 Persians have
already been killed. The Ark, the most
ancient and the finest edifice in Persia, has
been totally destroyed."

Reuter's correspondent at St. Petersburg
says a telegram from Russian Julia states
that three rifle regiments, three squadrons
of Cossacks and two mountain batteries are
leaving for Tabriz.

[There are two places of the name of Julia—
one in Persia and the other in Transcaucasia.]

LATER.

Reuter's correspondent at St. Petersburg
states that the Consul-General at Tabriz
declares that the Russian troops treated
peaceable inhabitants with humanity, not-
withstanding the atrocities committed by
the Kurds on the wounded, and the mutila-
tion of the killed. The troops rescued and
sheltered women and children from the
bombarded houses. The Russians lost one
hundred killed and severely wounded in the
fighting.

LATER.

Teheran advices state that the Indian
sowars were reattacked near Kazeroun, and
two were killed. The situation at Shiraz is
most serious. Mr. Shuster has notified his
willingness to hand over his office as soon as
a successor is nominated.

ANGLO-AUSTRALIAN CRICKET.

LONDON, December 27th.

In bright and cool weather, and before a
fair attendance, the Marylebone team met a
Bendigo fifteen. The visitors scored 176, to
which Hobbs contributed 67. Scott took
four wickets for 53 runs. The Bendigo
team lost six wickets for 122.

LATER.

In fine weather and on a good wicket the
match at Bendigo was resumed. Bendigo
carried their score to 164. Much talking
sawed, and the Marylebone
made 188 for the loss of nine wickets.
Woolley making 64 and Rhodes 50, and
the match was declared a draw.

SPAIN AND MOROCCO.

LONDON, December 27th.

Reuter's Madrid correspondent wires that
five Spanish columns attacked and drove
the Rifians across the Kert River, after
severe fighting. The Spanish casualties
were two killed and forty wounded.

ROYAL VAULT DESPOILED.

LONDON, December 27th.

The vault of Alexander, father of the
King of Serbia, in the cemetery at Vienna,
has been broken into and the skull stolen.

TURKEY AND ITALY.

LONDON, December 27th.

Reuter's correspondent at Rome states
that several thousand Turks with artillery,
advanced on Benghazi on the morning
of the 25th inst. The Italians opened
artillery fire at two thousand yards range
and checked the advance of the Turks who
retreated to the oasis at sunset.

INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

LONDON, December 27th.

Reuter's correspondent at Calcutta wires
that seven thousand delegates attended the
Indian National Congress. The keynote of
the function was jubilation over the
Emperor's visit and his gifts, especially the
annulment of the partition of Bengal. The
chairman, Mr. Pundit Dar, described the
British Government in India as a gift of
Providence. India compared favourable
with the dependencies of other Powers.

THE NORTH SEA GALE.

LONDON, December 27th.

Seven of the crew of the London steamer
Guillemot were rescued during the gale
which raged in the Bay of Biscay on the
21st inst., and were landed at Greenock
yesterday. The captain and 22 of the crew
were drowned.

A Grimsby trawler lost nine of her crew
in the North Sea, and thirteen of the crew
of a Boulogne fishing smack were also
drowned in the recent gale.

PROSPECTIVE ROYAL VISITS.

LONDON, December 27th.

The Daily Express states that Their
Majesties will make a series of State visits
next year to European capitals.

THE HOME RULE CAMPAIGN.

LONDON, December 27th.

The Unionists state that the Papal
decrees excommunicating persons who with-
out obtaining permission of the ecclesiastical
authorities summon any ecclesiastic before
a criminal or civil tribunal will be the basis
of the appeal to the British electorate. They
point out that the decree excommunicates
those enacting laws aimed at the Church of
Rome. Thus the Church will stand as
junior at the doors of the Irish Parliament.

The Morning Leader, while traversing the
Unionist interpretation of the decree, agrees
that the document is capable of being mis-
represented as a danger to Protestants but
declares that its appearance at the present
time shows that the Church of Rome is
afraid of Home Rule.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

SHAMEN NOTES.

CANTON, December 26th.

Christmas Festivities are the order of the day,
and many very pleasant functions have been
carried through in the Concession these last few
days. On Christmas morning Mr. and Mrs.
Haynes of the Victoria Hotel were made the
recipients of presents from a number of the
residents on the occasion of their leaving the
Island to take over the management of the King
Edward Hotel in Hongkong. Mr. Haynes
received a gold cigarette-case suitably engraved
and Mrs. Haynes a gold watch-bracelet. The
presentation was made in an admirable manner
by Mr. Jas. Moore.

On Christmas night a dance was given by the
ladies in the Club Theatre and was a great
success.
On Boxing Day a first class programme of sports
was carried out in the afternoon on the Rec-
reation Ground. There was a very large turnout,
and from the different guests and the men of
the K.O.Y.L.I. swelling the attendance to a
point seldom touched in Shamene. The talent
at most of the events was surprisingly good,
the hundred yards and the team race being really
fine races, while the enthusiasm displayed over
the tug of war was something new here. The
principal winners were: 100 yards, P. A. Net-
tleship, K.O.Y.L.I.; long jump, W. H. C. Taylor,
high jump and hurdles, L. L. Mills; half mile,
L. L. Mills; mile, K. N. Taylor; tug of war,
the K.O.Y.L.I. and team race, the K.O.Y.L.I.
The field was splendidly laid out and the whole
programme was carried through in a masterly
manner by Mr. O. Eager.

A JUNK PLUNDERED.

The City and river have not been so quiet
since the week end and stories of robbery and
fighting are coming in. A junk which was
being towed by a launch near Sun Ning
Island was attacked by a gang of robbers who
pretended to be passengers. One of the
sailors on the junk was killed and others injured,
and all the valuables of any kind to the amount
of about \$3000 were taken off. In consequence
of this a number of soldiers have been sent there
and the river is being patrolled. Also last
night a dwelling house in Tin an Li street
was broken into by a gang and the inhabitants
held up while the place was being ransacked.

THE UNIFORM FACTORY.

The uniform factory at Tai Sha Tou is
working at express rate now turning out
uniforms for the army. The plant is the
very latest and under first class management
is producing 400 uniforms of thick blue
serge per day.
Chung Yum Ting, who was Tao-tai for
Foreign Affairs under the late Viceroy and
who has proved himself a very able man,
is the new president of the works, and under
his supervision and with the recognition of
the present Government it ought to prove
a great acquisition. The plant here for the
manufacture of uniforms and in the tanning
department and bootmaking section is
second to none in the country.

A CHINESE JOKE.

A paragraph which has appeared in the
Chinese papers, and of which they are all
making capital, states that the Central
Government has ordered the late Admiral
Li Chun to proceed to Canton and take over
the Viceroyship, quell all the disturbances
and keep order. This is considered a very
good joke.

COLOMBO DEFALCATION CASE.

EUROPEAN SENTENCED TO SEVEN YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

The Supreme Court was crowded this morn-
ing, says the Times of Ceylon, of the 6th inst.,
when, before Mr. Justice Wool Renton, the
case came up for trial in which Mr. E. H.
Williams, formerly manager of the Ceylon
branch of Messrs. DeWail & Co., Ltd., stands
charged with breach of trust in respect of a
large sum of money. The accused was dressed
in a grey flannel coat with white trousers
and looked very haggard, showing signs of
considerable mental suffering. While the long
indictments against him were being read he
stood erect with set face listening to the charges.
He was addressed the usual question: "Prisoner
at the bar, do you plead guilty or not guilty?"
There was profound silence for a few seconds,
which was broken by the accused who, in a low
and hardly audible voice, replied "Guilty, my
lord."

An eloquent appeal was made by
Council on behalf of accused, after
which his lordship addressed him to
the effect that he had carefully
read the evidence in the proceedings and had
taken a full and most anxious account of what
was urged on his behalf by Mr. Morgan. The
charges which he had seen on his own, plea
offered were of a type vital to commercial life
and happiness of a country. The only exten-
uating circumstances—if there were one—was
that at the time the moment of recklessness, and too
often unscrupulous, speculation was in the air.
Apart from that the case seemed to him to be
one of the utmost aggravation, and he did not
feel that he could do otherwise than pass upon
him sentences which, although they fell short of
the maximum, were yet severe.

"On your own conviction," concluded his
lordship, "on the first, third and fifth counts
of the indictment, you will undergo seven years'
rigorous imprisonment, and the sentences will
be concurrent."
The accused, who is a comparatively young
man, with a young wife and family at Home,
received the sentences apparently unmoved, and
spoke a few words to one or two friends before
leaving the court.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PROMOTION IN THE CIVIL SERVICE

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS."]

Hongkong Hotel, 27th December, 1911.

DEAR SIR,—I can quite appreciate the inter-
est of Sir Frank Swettenham upon the subject
of Colonial Governorships, but apart from any-
thing else, this is no exception to other Govern-
ment Departments where kissing goes by favour.
I have been in most colonies, Crown and other-
wise, and my observations lead me to believe
that these appointments are given to men whose
special qualification is that they will know
how to get on with the people at Home, and do their bidding
at the expense of those whose interests they are
supposed to govern.

Essentially, they, too, are positions at Home,
and someone who is recommended who will
carry on in like fashion, and so the family circle
is extended; this, also, applies to Colonial
Secretaries and others: Can Sir Frank Swetten-
ham, under the circumstances, expect to find
anything but apathy in those who in the ordi-
nary way would be sympathetic, but who, by
reason of *force majeure*, have ceased to care?—I
am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,
FRANK H. BECK.

PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS.

The following correspondence is forwarded
for publication by the Secretary of the Chamber
of Commerce:—

Colonial Secretary's Office.

15th October, 1911.

SIR,—I am directed to inform you that
public and bank holidays during 1912 will
under the law now in force and in accordance
with the precedents of former years, be as
follows:—

1st January,	Monday (New Year's Day).
18th February,	Sunday.
19th February,	Monday.
5th April,	Friday (Good Friday).
6th April,	Saturday.
7th April,	Sunday (Easter Sunday).
8th April,	Monday.
24th May,	Friday (Victoria Day).
26th May,	Monday (Whit Monday).
3rd June,	Monday (King's Birthday).
5th August,	Monday (1st Monday in August).

25th December, Wednesday (Christmas).

26th December, Thursday (Boxing Day).

Therefore, excluding Sundays and counting
Saturdays as half a day, it will be seen that
there is one holiday in January, one in February,
2½ in April, 2 in May, one in June, one in
August and 2 in December. In other words,
during the six months from December to May,
both inclusive, there are 9½ holidays, while
during the remaining six months of the year there
are only two holidays.

2. The limiting dates for the movable holi-
days on the list are as follows:—Chinese New
Year, 21st January, to 19th February, Easter
Sunday, 18th March, to 25th April and Whit-
Monday, 11th May, to 14th June. It will be
seen therefore that the above irregularity in the
incidence of holidays during each period of
twelve months must remain constant.

3. His Excellency the Governor believes that
it will be generally recognised that this uneven
distribution of holidays in each year is unsatis-
factory and would be glad to learn whether such
is also the opinion of your Chamber, and if so
whether you have any proposal to make for the
better distribution of holidays throughout the
calendar year.

4. It has been suggested that a holiday
should be celebrated on Trafalgar Day, October
19th, in lieu of that on Whit-Monday.

I am, &c.,

(Sgd.) WARREN BARNES,
Colonial Secretary.

(Reply to Government.)

Hongkong Chamber of Commerce,
7th December, 1911.

SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of 13th
ultimo (No. 5509/11) asking whether my Com-
mittee have any proposal to make for the better
distribution of holidays throughout the calen-
dar year.

My Committee have given this matter their
careful consideration and desire to remark, in
reference to the suggestions of the Government
that a holiday should be celebrated on Trafalgar
Day in lieu of that on Whit-Monday, that there
is a strongly expressed opinion from some
quarters against dropping so old established
and typically English a holiday as Whit-
Monday; with which view my Committee are
in agreement.

The Committee, however, believe that an
extra holiday might with advantage be instituted
in October, and suggest the 2nd Monday in
this month rather than Trafalgar Day.

The Committee further beg to suggest that
the 9th November be substituted for the 24th
May, thus combining the commemoration of
the birthdays of our late Queen and King.
With regard to this proposal, however, my
Committee think it would be preferable if in-
stead of fixing the 9th November as the recog-
nised holiday, the Monday nearest to this
date be fixed.

I am directed by my Committee to ask you to
be so good as to convey to His Excellency the
Governor their appreciation of the opportunity
afforded them of offering suggestions on this
matter. I am, &c.,

(Sgd.) E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary.

OPIUM MERCHANTS AND THE GOVERNMENT.

The following correspondence has been for-
warded by the Secretary of the Chamber of
Commerce:—

Hongkong, September 6th.

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary.—Present.
SIR,—We have the honour to draw your
attention to the fact that during a debate on
the Opium Ordinance at a meeting of the
Legislative Council held on the 30th ultimo,
you are reported to have (Hongkong Daily
Press report) made the following statements:—
1. Prior to the last sale three of the leading
merchants came to my office and asked what
the intentions of the Government were. I
told them that it was extremely probable that
any opium bought would be shut out.

Mr. Gabbay, of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co.,
and the writer called at my office together as
representing the regular importers of opium,
and if any other gentleman called he was not
entitled to act on behalf of the regular opium
merchants.

2. Now I have figures showing that of the 1,005
chests imported between 24th July and 29th
August, 760 chests were imported by the
gentlemen who came to see me.

We beg to inform you that we purchased at
the July sale, which was held in Calcutta on
Tuesday 4th, 200 chests of unrefined opium, out
of which 175 chests were purchased for sale and
on behalf of the Hongkong and Manu Opium
Farmers as per contracts Mr. Sturges had the
pleasure of presenting to you for your inspec-
tion. These purchases were made prior to any
steps being taken to prohibit the import of un-
refined opium into Hongkong. Since the 4th
July we did not purchase nor were interested
in a single chest of unrefined opium for the
Hongkong market. At the August sale we
made no purchase for the Hongkong market.

It is a fact that at the Import and Export
Office we appear as importers of a much larger
quantity than 200 chests. This is accounted
for by the fact that the opium was taken
delivery of by us and stored in our godown
on behalf of other firms and banks, and as the
bill of lading is endorsed by us we
appear as the importers. Mr. Hutcheon
at your request called at our office and
inspected our godown and books and
we think thoroughly satisfied himself that
we were the actual importers of 200
chests of unrefined opium only. Will you
kindly verify these statements. The above
explanation also disposes of the Hon. Mr.
Hewitt's remark on the same occasion as
follows:—

I want to see them the day I saw you or the
day afterwards, but they were still buying, as
they did not know whether the Bill was com-
ing forward this week or next month. "There-
fore at the last sale they had to buy," and the
reply of H. B. The Governor, "if thinking their
position is a little thin. After protesting
against the importation of unrefined opium
and asking us to introduce this Bill they
go on importing subsequent to the date
on which they know the Bill would be in-
troduced."

We have, &c.,

(Sgd.) DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.,

Colonial Secretary's Office,

15th October, 1911.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honour to reply to
your letter of the 6th ultimo on the subject of
certain statements made in the Legislative
Council on the 30th August during the debate
upon the Opium Ordinance and to express my
great regret that owing to an unfortunate
oversight no reply has previously been sent to
you.

2. You are correct in assuming that I was
referring to your firm when I stated the Opium
Merchants who came to see me (and who had
previously protested against the importation of
unrefined opium) had themselves imported
between the 24th of July and 29th August 760
chests out of a total import of 1,005 chests. I
made this statement on the strength of official
reports of importations signed by your firm in
which the opium in question was described as
"imported by us." You have since informed
me that this opium was not as stated imported
by you; but by other persons, and that your only
interest in it was that you acted as warehouse-
men in respect of it. I have caused enquiry to
be made and find that the information given by
your firm in the official reports was incorrect
and that the facts are as stated in your letter
under reply.

3. The Governor desires me to say that the
words quoted by you as having been used by
him were intended merely as a comment upon
disclosures made during the debate, and their
significance so far as your firm is concerned
ceases with the explanation you have now
afforded.

4. You are at liberty to make any use of this
letter you may think fit.

I have, &c.,

(Sgd.) WARREN BARNES,

PARIS LETTER.

[WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

December 1st, 1911.

GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE.
The French are highly delighted with Sir Edward Grey's brilliant speech which so powerfully convinced France that she has no better friend at the back of her at the present moment than England. Had it not been for the way England protected France during the Morocco crisis, there would have been another 1870 Franco-German war. That Germany should feel greatly dissatisfied at the manner Sir Edward Grey spoke is only natural, considering that she is so jealous of the good relations existing between Great Britain and France. There are thousands of Frenchmen who would gladly see the existing *Entente Cordiale* develop into something stronger—an Alliance; to wit: Though this may come about later, it would not altogether be wise to make so sudden and drastic a change at present. Nothing would please the Germans more than to see Great Britain throwing France overboard, and have her to say to her ally, Russia. That, however, is not to be. England strongly believes in letting what is well alone; hence, why she is resolved to stand by France to the bitter end and so protect the weak, as she has always done. France blames Germany for getting in such an excited state of mind—over nothing; she may consider herself humiliated over Morocco as much as she likes, it is all her own fault. She had no business there, whatsoever, in the first place, and having hit her fingers, she must put up with the consequences. By first dispatching the gunboat *Patrouille* and after that the cruiser *Berlin* on the plea that the lives and property of German subjects in that part of North Africa were in great danger, she made things all round most unpleasant for herself. She has now left Agadir after staying much longer than she ought to have done. What the French are able to do now as regards protecting Europeans and looking after their interests, she could very well have done months ago, without German intervention, which was quite uncalculated for, and only complicated business. With the exception of one or two negroes, the rest of the French Press comments on Sir Edward Grey's speech in the highest terms. The Anglo-French understanding, it is well to bear in mind, is based much less on sentiment than on a community of interests. The *Entente Cordiale*—now stronger than ever—was born on the day that Great Britain and France realized the necessity of marching together, and as assured it will exist just as long as the two nations are convinced of the need of mutual support. *Eto perpetua!* The sooner Frenchmen understand that British friendship for them, based on common interests, implies no animosity towards anyone else, so much the better. All intelligent Frenchmen readily admit that the speech of Sir Edward Grey last Monday has cleared the air; he spoke the language of loyalty, and more cannot reasonably be expected.

MORALS IN FRANCE.

"Virtue will not disappear from the world so long as there remains a Frenchman or a Frenchwoman to take care of it." Such are the words of M. Henri Lavigne, the eminent Académicien, who is shortly to deliver the traditional discourse this year on the Prix de Vertu at the Institut de France. For several years he has made a special study of the subject. "Virtue of the French," and is as firmly convinced, in spite of the increase of crime and immorality in this country, that France is virtuous as a nation as ever she was, and will remain so.

SCARCITY OF FROGS AND SNAILS.

Both snails and frogs continue to be scarce in France this year. The snails have looked for cabbages and lettuces, but all in vain, and the drought which has withered the snails, greenstuff has also dried up the ponds where the grenouilles or frogs flourished.

WINE-FED POULTRY.

The French poultry world is deeply interested in M. Joubert, who is a professor at the Agricultural College at Fontainebleau, and who has devoted several years to the study of all the year-round laying. He claims to have at last solved the difficult problem. His experiments have certainly proved most encouraging up to the present. His newly discovered and simple method of making hens lay consists in giving them wine. He has been feeding his own hens with wine in addition to their ordinary food, and he has been most agreeably surprised at the result. M. Joubert has been experimenting with fowls of all kinds for several years, and finds the same result in every case. In each instance he experimented for the four winter months with two sets of twelve fowls of the same breed, adding bread soaked in wine to the feed of one of the two sets of twelve. After six separate trials, the wine-fed, or bibulous, hens laid more eggs in the proportion of twenty eggs a month, or thereabouts the Professor reports. Unfortunately it is not every poultry-farmer who can conveniently afford to give wine to his hens, though they profit by it.

SEVEN'S WARE.

Until a month ago it was the common belief in art circles that most of the moulds of the famous biscuit ware of the eighteenth century had been irretrievably lost. Such is, fortunately, not the case. It was known that over 600 of the moulds had existed, and they included the work of London, Clodion, and Falconnet. The authorities at the State factory of Sevres chimie recently came across 185 of these precious and priceless moulds which constitutes an interesting and important find, and lovers of art are anxiously awaiting the turning out of replicas of the famous work of the artists named, some very fine examples of

which are to be found at Versailles and at Fontainebleau. All those familiar with French history will remember that the noted Sevres factory, owing to the trouble of the Revolution, the troubles of 1814, and the war of 1870, has seen many vicissitudes.

A GABRIEL'S PALACE.

The Union of cabmen and taxi-drivers of Paris is now the possessor of a veritable palace for its members. It is situated at Levallois-Perret, just on the outskirts of the City, and is the most complete Trade Union building of its kind in the world. In addition to the rooms for meetings, there are spacious offices, a library containing several thousand volumes, a medical and surgical clinic, and an operating theatre. The lighting and heating arrangements could not be more perfect or more up-to-date. The cabmen's palace—a structure to be well proud of—has cost 150,000 francs.

IN MEMORY OF VICTOR HUGO.

Memories of France's greatest modern poet Victor Hugo, are still too few and far between according to his admirers. Persons passing along the Boulevard Raspail in Paris have their attention attracted by a new building of an unusual appearance. At the end of the house is to be seen an alouche which has been so constructed as to permit a fine acacia tree to flourish. When Victor Hugo was a lad he planted the tree in question. It has waxed strong with years, and though a source of great inconvenience and loss of valuable land, the owner of the property insists on its remaining out of respect for the illustrious poet.

DOUBLE SUICIDE.

There is so little comfort when one gets old nowadays that Death comes as a relief. So thought M. Paul Lafargue, the famous French Socialist, and his wife, Laura, daughter of the famous Karl Marx, who willfully committed suicide last Sunday together because afraid of getting old, and so a burden to others. Otherwise they were healthy in body and mind.

THE REVOLUTION.

The *N.C. Daily News* has been authorized to emphatically contradict the report that Yuan Shih Kai had telegraphed to Tang Shao Yi in the sense that he would never agree to a republic, and it may be added, says our contemporary, that His Excellency disbelieves that Yuan Shih Kai ever made the statement attributed to him.

"GENERAL HOMER LEA."

We mentioned a few days ago that the American General Homer Lea had come out to China with Dr. Sun Yat Sen. Some reports have stated that he is to be the future commander-in-chief of the revolutionary forces in China.

An American, writing to the *China Press*, says: "Homer Lea is not a general of the American army nor has he ever been connected with that institution. So far as can be discovered, his only connection with any military or semi-military organization in the United States was that of an officer in a company of Chinese cadets in California. Mr. Lea is only known in the United States as a contributor to magazines and a writer of books. He once wrote a novel of Chinese life which any candid critic must concede to be one of the poorest of the many poor books written about China, and more recently he published 'The Value of Ignorance,' in which he revealed the ease with which Japan could conquer the United States. This latter is the only book of a military nature of which he has been guilty."

"Some light on this title of 'General' is furnished by the sketch Mr. Lea has furnished *Who's Who* in America. In this we find that he undertook the relief of Kwang Hsu, Emperor of China, in 1907-08; he raised and commanded the Second Army Division in 1904, holding rank of Lieutenant-General over these forces."

"It is evident from this that his only claim to the title of General rests upon service or in connection with China. I wonder if any of your readers can shed additional light upon this famous 'relief of Emperor Kwang Hsu' and this 'Second Army Division.' I have been unable to find anything concerning these two important movements in my reading of a Chinese history. Can it be that 'General' Lea's Second Army Division was that small crowd of Chinese cadets in California?"

"His 'expedition for the relief of the Emperor Kwang Hsu' is equally a mystery to me. His Excellency Kang Yu-wei, who once had a society for the relief of, or support of, the late Emperor, has denied that he ever conferred upon Mr. Lea the title of 'General' or any other title."

"In any event, Mr. Lea has no possible claim to the title of an 'American General,' so far as I have been able to discover. Certainly he is not a General of the American army, nor has he ever had any connection with that army. It is for the purpose of making this fact clear that this communication is written."

MISCELLANEOUS.

The revolutionary force at Wuchang is given as 50,000.

The independence of Szechuan has been proclaimed and Chao Erh-feng, the Viceroy, has handed over his official seal to the people. The President of the Provincial Assembly has been elected Governor of the Province and a provisional government has been formed.

Telegrams in the Chinese papers state that Great Britain has greatly reinforced the Indian troops on the Tibetan frontier, as Tibet is in disorder.

The aeroplane sent up river the revolutionary party from Shanghai has been put on the thirty miles below Wuchang. It is of French make. Two experts are in charge of it, together, it is reported, with an experienced Chinese flyer.

STORM SIGNALS IN KOWLOON BAY.

JOINT LETTER FROM SHIPMASTERS.

The following correspondence explains itself.
Hongkong, 29th September, 1911.

The Secretary,
The Chamber of Commerce,
Hongkong.

DEAR SIR,—Last typhoon season a letter was sent you from various masters of merchant vessels, in regard to the displaying of the local Storm Signals in Kowloon Bay for the information of vessels weatherbound.

His Excellency the Governor stated as a reply, that he considered the shipmaster's barometer—should be a sufficient guide and that consequently any further displaying of signals was unnecessary. Without being accurate to words that was the gist of His Excellency's answer.

Now that the Typhoon season is with us and in spite of His Excellency's opinion—still experiencing the same disadvantage when in shelter consequent on lack of scientific information of the storm, we desire to offer an alternate suggestion, first commenting on His Excellency's reply to the previous request.

We consider the mere fact of the establishment of an Observatory here and at other places a sufficient rebuttal of the contention that a barometrical observation at one place will give that information which may be considered to be a sufficient guide to the shipmasters. That the Hongkong Observatory was instituted and staffed with the idea of receiving those numerous observations from a chain of stations which alone will give reliable news of the storm, and that consequently a single observation is only valuable in conjunction with others from different stations.

The Colony being put to considerable expense in acquiring this information, it is only reasonable that it should be freely imparted to the Shipping when they most require it, viz., during the passing of a storm.

The waters of the Colony chiefly used as harbours of refuge are: Junk and Kowloon Bays and behind Stonecutters, and in the vicinity of these are the Forts at Lyceum and on Stonecutters Island.

We suggest that during the passing of a storm the Officer Commanding these Forts be supplied from the Observatory with all information it is possible to give regarding the weather both by night as well as by day, and although the experience of merchant vessels in the past is that they have received a prompt reply from these forts when called up, the information at their disposal was meagre, and that His Majesty's Government request the Officer Commanding to pass on his more complete information to any vessel on demand by semaphore or Morse.

May we request you to put this matter before your Committee? We are, &c.,

G. S. WIGGALL, S.S. *Mauauang*, P. H. ROLFE, S.S. *Yuenang*, T. H. CHURCHILL, Canton River Pilot, T. MOONEY, S.S. *Chipsing*, L. LINDALL, S.S. *Chongking*, T. A. MITCHELL, S.S. *Pookang*, R. LAKE, S.S. *Namsang*, L. HUNTER, S.S. *Tungshing*, B. BRADLEY, S.S. *Kutang*, SPENCER WILDE, S.S. *Hainan*, S. J. PAYNE, S.S. *Yut-hing*, W. F. RICH, S.S. *Kumang*, C. MATTHEW, S.S. *Chingang*, W. LEAK, S.S. *Loonsung*, M. PING-NELL, S.S. *Sai Sang*.

(Letter to Government.)

Hongkong Chamber of Commerce,
5th December, 1911.

SIR,—I am directed by my Committee to refer you to the correspondence which took place between the Government and this Chamber, commencing with your letter of the 10th November, 1909, on the subject of the erection of a Typhoon Signal Station at Tsz Tsz Mui. My Committee have now received a communication from Masters of Vessels complaining of the disadvantage which they suffer when in shelter from the lack of scientific information regarding storms.

The waters of the Colony chiefly used as harbours of refuge are Junk Bay, Kowloon Bay, and behind Stonecutters Island, and in the vicinity of these places are situated the Forts at Lyceum and on Stonecutters Island.

It appears that Masters of vessels have on occasions, when sheltering during the passing of a storm, called up these forts with the view to obtaining information regarding the weather, and whilst their experience is that they have invariably received a prompt reply, the information at the disposal of the forts was meagre and inadequate.

The Committee beg to suggest that instructions be issued to the Director of the Observatory to supply the Commanding Officers of the forts in question during the passing of a storm, both by day and by night, with all the information it is possible to give concerning the weather, so that vessels "speaking" the forts may obtain more complete information than they have hitherto received.

The Committee trust that this suggestion will have the approval of His Excellency the Governor and that he will request the co-operation of His Excellency the General Officer Commanding, as it will, if given effect to, confer great benefit on the seafaring community.—I am, &c.,

(Sgd.) E. A. M. WILLIAMS.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary.

HER EYES AND COMPLEXION.

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LOCAL STORM WARNINGS.

THE SUGGESTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE RED SYMBOLS.

The following correspondence is forwarded by the Secretary of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
15th November, 1911.

SIR,—I am directed to forward for the consideration of your Committee copy of minutes by the Director of Observatory dated the 21st September, 1910, and the 6th ultimo, by the Registrar-General dated the 21st ultimo, and by the Harbour Master dated the 25th ultimo.

2.—Commander Beckwith has expressed the opinion that the local "red symbols" by day and the "three green lights" by night as a typhoon warning are detrimental to shipping and useless to the port. On the other hand Mr. Figg thinks it would be unwise at present to dispense with the red signals, while the Chinese, whom the Registrar-General considered were unwilling to take upon themselves the responsibility of making any recommendation. In these circumstances His Excellency the Governor will be glad to learn whether in the opinion of your Committee it is desirable to make any change in the storm-warnings now in use.—I am, etc.,

A. W. BREWSTER.

Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,
Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.

MINUTES.

The present system of signals was adopted on the report of a Committee appointed by the Government in February, 1907. This report was submitted to the Chamber of Commerce who approved it (in toto) on 10th March, 1907.

The matter is one of some difficulty and, in my opinion, requires very careful consideration before the course suggested by "Explanatory" is adopted. I attach some correspondence which passed between Hon. Mr. Osborne, Secretary of the Hongkong and Kowloon Godown Co., and myself in 1907. This shows that the interests of those concerned are not identical.

My own views are given in a minute dated 21.9.10, paragraphs 1 and 2 (in 1910.9.10), and at the present time I see no reason to change the opinion expressed therein.

It may be of interest to give dates and times when red signals have been hoisted this year. They are as follows:—
Sunday, July 2, 6.30 a.m.—Monday, July 3, 5.10 a.m.—Thursday, July 15, 9.10 a.m.—6.30 p.m.—9.45 p.m.

Tuesday, August 1, 6.30 p.m.—Wednesday, August 2, 5.0 p.m.—22hrs. 30m.
Saturday, August 26, 6.0 p.m.—Sunday, August 27, 8.45 a.m.—14hrs. 45m.
Sunday, September 17, 11.55 a.m.—9.40 p.m.—6hrs. 45m.
Thursday, September 28, 10.0 a.m.—4.0 p.m.—6hrs.

The total time during which red signals have been hoisted is thus 731 hours, of which only 403 hours were daylight or working hours, or if Sundays be excluded, 29 hours.

F. G. FROG.

Director of Observatory.

6/10/11.

With reference to the discussion before His Excellency on the 10th instant, I am of opinion that at present it would be unwise to dispense with the red signals, more particularly in view of the typhoons which read the China Sea via the Bashee and Hainan Islands. Such disturbances are usually dangerous to the South Coast of China, and occasionally they move at the high speed of 15 miles per hour and increase greatly in depth during their progress. Provision must be made for such cases. Using the 300 miles limit (Black Signal) and the above rate of progression the centre of a disturbance, if moving directly towards the Colony, would arrive in 20 hours, and I am credibly informed that it takes 12 hours to get lighters into shelter. In the case of the change of a signal being first hoisted at nightfall must be taken into account, as I take it darkness adds considerably to the difficulty of sheltering.

When wireless apparatus is installed at Pratas we shall know more about the position, intensity, speed, etc., of such disturbances, and the question of dispensing with the red signals might then be discussed. The Government may also be able to induce the Chinese authorities to install wireless at Chelung Point or connect it with their telegraph system. Observations from these would be particularly valuable when used in conjunction with those made here and at Pratas.

I have heard that the Chinese authorities have a scheme for installing a wireless apparatus at Yu-ling-kang, Southwest of Hainan, which I believe is a Customs examination station for native craft reaching Chinese territory from the Southwest and Westward. If observations could be obtained from thence by this means and the Hainan observations be promptly forwarded, the periods of time over which it would be necessary to keep typhoon signals hoisted in Hongkong would be much reduced.

2.—Messages sent out in the evening giving latest information with regard to typhoons (such a message was sent out on the evening of 31st August, 1910) (than that contained in the C. C. Meteor Register, are telegraphed to the Harbour Office, where copies of the message are made and posted at the various notice boards. I suggest that when signals are hoisted in the Colony and additional information can be sent out in the evening copies of the message should be sent also to the following places:—Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong Club, Lower Tram terminus (2 copies, of which one should be forwarded to the Upper Terminus by the Tramway authorities).

Messages considered "Urgent" are already sent to the police for distribution, and such messages, I understand, reach residents at the Peak.

F. G. FROG.

Director of Observatory.

21/9/10.

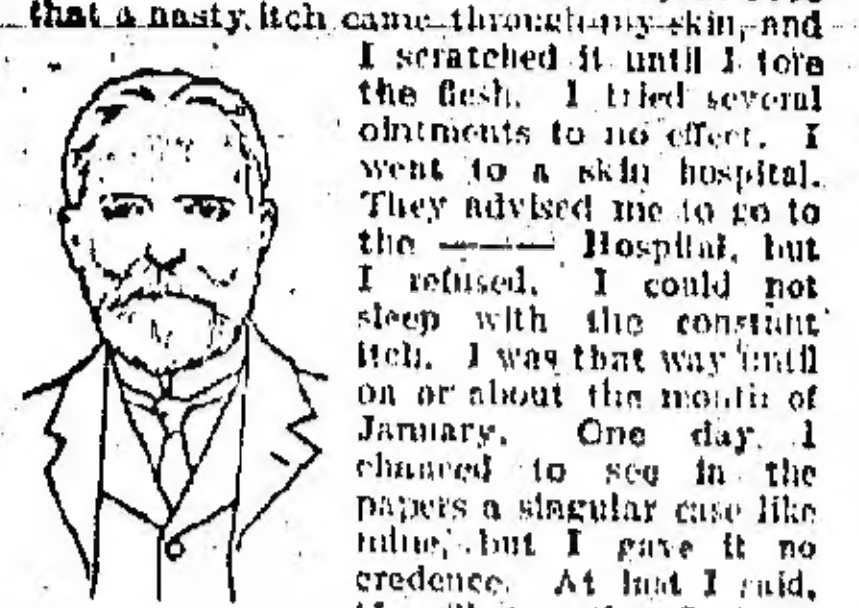
I am directed to ascertain the views of the Chinese more immediately interested in the question whether the red typhoon signals should be hoisted or not. I thought it was no use consulting the cargo-boat people; it is apparent that they attach their own value to those signals. Sometimes if the local weather indications are not threatening, they take no immediate notice of them; at other times they seek refuge at once. All they ask for is ample warning, and that is all they could have told me. I took the opportunity of last District

INTIMATIONS

"SCRATCHED UNTIL I TORE THE FLESH"

Itching, Burning Skin Eczema, Body, Legs and Arms One Mass of Sores. Could not Sleep with Constant Itch. Tried Cuticura Remedies and in Less than One Week Skin was All Right.

"It was in the latter end of the year 1909 that a nasty itch came, through my skin, and I scratched it until I tore the flesh. I tried several ointments to no effect. I went to a skin hospital. They advised me to go to the Hospital, but I refused. I could not sleep with the constant itch. I was that way until on or about the month of January. One day I changed to see in the papers a singular case like mine, but I gave it no credence. At last I said, 'I will try the Cuticura Ointment I used. I found it effective. I got one box of the Ointment more, and in less than one week the skin was all right, and I was cured.' I have not had a return of the same skin, and I shall always praise the Cuticura (it is all as I have told you)." (Signed) John T. G. 94, Scotland Road, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.



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It is under such conditions that men, and women too, tend to wreck their lives. To combat the feeling of weakness, they fly to alcohol on the one hand or to drugs on the other. The consequence is, that before they know where they are they have become slaves to habits from the eradication of which they would give anything to escape.

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J. P. Robinson, st. Norie, b. Hancock	15
W. L. Weaver, st. Norie, b. Hancock	14
J. H. Mead, b. Hancock	14
W. Waterhouse, st. Norie, b. Hancock	4
F. Sutton, b. Hancock	4
A. R. F. Raven, b. Taylor	2
Rev. Foster-Pegg, b. Taylor	2
Capt. Clark, b. Taylor	2
G. Wolf, not out	4
G. Wolf, c. Norie, b. Hancock	5
W. P. Gregory, b. Hancock	6
Extras	6
Total	97

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
G. A. Hancock	13	3	47	3
H. H. Taylor	12.1	0	44	7

CRAIGENGOVER.	
G. A. Hancock, c. Robinson, b. Weaver	11
W. H. Vireah, c. Foster-Pegg, b. Waterhouse	12
R. Dan, c. Weaver, b. Foster-Pegg	20
H. H. Taylor, b. Weaver	10
L. A. Rose, c. Raven, b. Foster-Pegg	24
G. Wolf, b. Weaver	1
R. Pastonji, b. Raven	1
H. Rapp, c. Weaver, b. Foster-Pegg	1
J. D. Norie, not out	0
R. P. Phillips, b. Raven	0
C. Johnstone, l.b.w. Raven	9
Extras	6
Total	166

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Rev. Foster-Pegg	15.5	3	54	3
W. Waterhouse	6	0	39	1
W. S. Weaver	9	1	41	3
J. P. Robinson	4	0	15	0
A. R. F. Raven	3	0	11	5

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVES.

The following are the results of the 2nd monthly cup shoot which took place at the King's Park Range (50 yards) on Saturday and Sunday, the 23rd and 24th instants.

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Mr. Gipsen	31 + 4 = 35
Mr. Dobbs	31 + 5 = 36
Mr. Hearl	33 + 1 = 34
Mr. Watson	32 + 2 = 34
Mr. Calvert	31 + 2 = 33
Mr. R. Stewart	32 sec. = 32
Mr. L. G. Bird	30 + 1 = 31
Mr. Hamilton	30 + 1 = 31
Mr. R. E. O. Bird	28 + 2 = 30
Mr. Jackman	26 + 4 = 30
Mr. Simpson	29 sec. = 29
Mr. Duan	29 sec. = 29
Mr. Oliver	26 + 3 = 29
Mr. W. J. May	25 + 4 = 29
Mr. J. F. Miller	22 + 5 = 27
Mr. Kramlich	17 + 4 = 21

CLASS B.	
Mr. Hutchings	76 + 7 = 35
Mr. G. H. May	25 + 10 = 35
Dr. Grise	34 + 10 = 34
Mr. Knight	29 + 4 = 33
Mr. Lyon	25 + 8 = 33
Mr. Jaff	23 + 10 = 23

THE REPUBLICAN CONSTITUTION.

The following is the Provisional Constitution of the Chinese Republic which was adopted at the recent meeting of delegates from the Provinces in Nanking and is now in force:

Article I.—The Provisional President shall be elected by the delegates appointed by the Governor-Generals of those Provinces which have declared their independence by their election. Each Province shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 2.—The Provisional President shall be vested with full power to administer the affairs of the Republic of China.

Section 3.—The Provisional President shall be Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the Republic of China.

Section 4.—The Provisional President shall have power, with the concurrence of the Assembly, to declare war and peace and make Treaties.

Section 5.—The Provisional President shall have power, with the concurrence of the Assembly, to appoint the Ministers of the Executive Boards and special Diplomatic officials.

Section 6.—The Provisional President shall have power, with the concurrence of the Assembly, to establish a system of National Courts of Justice.

Article II.—The Assembly shall be composed of representatives appointed by the Provisional Government.

Section 2.—Each Province shall be limited to three representatives in the Assembly, the method of appointing such representatives to be determined by the Government of the Province from which they came.

Section 3.—Each representative shall be entitled to one vote in the Assembly.

Section 4.—The duties and powers of the Assembly shall be as follows:—

(a) To determine the matters referred to in Article I, Sections 1 and 6.

(b) To approve the action of the Provisional President in matters referred to in Article I, Section 5.

(c) To determine the Budget of the Provisional Government.

(d) To supervise the accounts of the Provisional Government.

(e) To determine all matters concerning the taxation, currency and public debt of the Republic.

(f) To make laws for the Republic during Provisional Government.

(g) To determine all matters referred to the Assembly by the Provisional President.

(h) To answer questions put to the Assembly by the Provisional President.

Section 5.—No matter shall be passed without the concurrence of a majority of the representatives present in the Assembly. Matters referred to in Article I, Section 4, must have the concurrence of two-thirds of the representatives present in the Assembly.

Section 6.—Every measure which shall have passed the Assembly shall, before it becomes law, be presented by the Speaker of the Assembly to the Provisional President for confirmation. If he approves he shall sign and seal it, and instruct the Executive officers concerned to act accordingly.

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Section 7.—If the Provisional President

disapproves any measure, he shall return it to the Assembly with his objections for reconsideration by them within ten days from the time it was first presented to him. If the Assembly after reconsideration shall, by a two-thirds vote, agree to pass the measure, it shall become law and be put in force according to the preceding section.

Section 8.—The Assembly shall elect, its speaker from among its own members by ballot, and a majority of votes shall determine the election.

Section 9.—The Assembly shall determine its own rule of procedure.

Section 10.—Before the Assembly is organized the delegates appointed by various Provisional Governments shall temporarily perform the duties of the Assembly, but the delegates from each Province shall cast only one vote for that Province.

Article III.—The Executive Boards.

Section 1.—The Executive Boards shall be as follows:—

(a) Board of Foreign Affairs.

(b) Board of Civil Affairs.

(c) Board of Finance.

(d) Board of War.

(e) Board of Communication.

Section 2.—There shall be a Minister for each Board, who shall have charge of the Affairs of that Board.

Section 3.—Rules governing and defining the powers and duties of the officers of each Board shall be approved by the Provisional President before being put in force.

Article IV.—By-Laws.

Section 1.—Within six months after the establishment of the Provisional Government the Provisional President shall call a convention of the people. The Assembly shall draw up rules to govern the calling of this convention.

Section 2.—The articles of Confederation for the Provisional Government of the Republic of China shall become void from the day when the Constitution of the Republic of China comes into full force.

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THE HOSTILE FORCES IN CHINA.

A JAPANESE COMPARISON OF RESISTANCE
STRENGTH.

During the present armistice between the
rival forces in China, it may be interesting to
quote the comparison made by the *Jiji* between
the strength of the Revolutionist forces and the
army of the Imperial Government. In the opinion
of the *Jiji* journal, the rival forces are
pretty much on a level so far as fighting
capacity is concerned. It is in the matter of
strategic and geographical advantages that they
differ. In this respect the Revolutionists have
a distinct superiority over their opponents.
With their firm hold on the country from Wu-
chuan to Shanghai, and their possession of both
the Peking and Yangtze squadrons of the fleet,
the Revolutionists command a vast system of
communication on land, sea, and river. Eryth-
rapid movement of troops from one point of
danger to another no advantage can be more
favourable. Their attacking advantages are also
more favourable, in that they can penetrate far
into their enemy's territory, with its good roads
and total absence of fortified places. And in ad-
dition to these facilities, there is to be counted the
Peking-Hankow Railway. The Imperial
Government, on the other hand, is without the
means of putting its forces into the field with
the same promptitude as the Revolutionaries.
It has not command of so vast a system of com-
munication. The Tientsin-Chinking Railway,
for instance, still remains uncompleted, and
troops cannot be carried much further south
than Kiating. Their forces are concentrated
of military forces is concentrated almost out of the
question, therefore. What is strategically
known as the "inside line of defence" therefore
remains in the hands of the rebels, leaving only
the "outside line" to the Loyalist forces. The
position of the Imperialists, remains our con-
temporaries, may be compared to that of the
Russian army during the war.

In the matter of numerical strength, the
forces do not differ in any great measure. The
Imperialist force seems to comprise about 19
brigades, and that of the rebels about 16; to the
latter, however, must be added a regiment or so
of recruits. But in so far as military equip-
ment is concerned, here the advantage lies un-
questionably with the Loyalist Army. This
superiority was exemplified in the recent en-
counter at Hanayung, when the strong rebel lines
were stormed and carried by the Imperialists.
While the latter were armed with powerful
quick-firing guns and Japanese "Meiji" thirty
rifles, the rebels were merely equipped with old-
fashioned Mausers. The rebels were placed at
a further disadvantage in being unable to make
use of their full artillery through want of am-
munition, and were compelled to fall back on
their mountain guns instead. Until the rebels
make good their manifest inferiority in the mat-
ter of military equipment and the proper supply
of the munitions of war, they cannot hold any
reasonable hope of striking a blow at the Im-
perial troops now in possession of Chihli and
the provinces further north. It is perhaps true
that the rebel forces which the other day
effected the capture of Nanking are furnished
with better arms than the rest of the Revolu-
tionary army, but the difference in their
capabilities generally is not large.

Then, as regards the training of the two
armies and their temper and spirit, there is
again perhaps little to choose between them.
The Hunan contingent of the Revolutionist
army has displayed the most conspicu-
ous courage during the heaviest fighting
that has so far occurred, but this has
been rendered in some degree less effective
by the presence of raw recruits in the Hunan
ranks. [This is a curious estimate of the
Hunan army's capabilities, and does not accord
with the opinion held of it in China generally.]
Indeed, it has been asserted that Hanayung
lost through their sudden defection and retreat
in the hour of danger. General Hsiang, at a
meeting of Revolutionaries in Shanghai a few
days ago, complained bitterly of this. In knowl-
edge of tactics, proceeds the writer, there is
practically no difference to be observed between
either side. None of the commanders would
seem to be deeply versed in the science of
modern warfare.

In conclusion the *Jiji* contributor expresses
his opinion that if the Revolutionists at
Wuchang make peace in the manner
of a surrender, or if they are beaten once
more on the field of battle, there is likely
to be a general decline in the popularity of their
cause throughout the Empire. And on the
other hand if the Imperialists show themselves
slow to follow up their recent advantage or
permit the rebels to make a stronghold of
Nanking, their brilliant victory at Hanayung is
likely to prove of little value to them. The
Imperial Government, to obtain the full
benefit of the victory, should press on without
delay to the capture of Wuchang and the re-
covery of the warships. After that, hot speed
for Nanking. No peace negotiations. The
Revolutionists, on their part, should not delay
or hesitate. Let them attack Chihli from the
sea and harass the enemy in the rear.
Perhaps, however, in their present financial
straits, such a determined course is not to be
looked for from the rebel quarter. After this
generous outflow of good advice to both sides,
the writer brings his article to a conclusion
with the reflection that all things considered, it
is perhaps best for the contending armies to
remain as they are, and await further develop-
ments in the situation at Peking.—*Japan
Chronicle*.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The H. A. Line str. *Selenia* left Singapore
on the 26th instant a.m., and may be expected
here on or about the 2nd prox. a.m.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s str. *Nyanza* left
Singapore for this port on the 25th inst., at
noon, and is due here on the 30th inst., at about
noon.
The Yokohama office of the C.P.R. is in
receipt of a wireless message from the R.M.S.
Empress of India, sent at 9 p.m. Sunday, the
24th inst., when the vessel was 1,350 miles
distant from Japan, advising all well and that
the Commander expects to reach Yokohama at
6 a.m. on Friday, the 29th inst.
The C.P.R. Co. str. *Empress of Japan*, which
left here on the 2nd inst., arrived at Vancouver,
B.C., on the 22nd inst., at 4 p.m.
The O.S.K. str. *Canada Maru* from Tacoma
left Shanghai for this port on the 26th instant,
and is expected here tomorrow p.m.
The P. M. S. S. Co. str. *China* sailed from
San Francisco on the 27th inst. for Hongkong,
via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and
Shanghai, and is due to arrive at Hongkong on
the 2nd prox.

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On the 27th at 11.50 a.m.—The depression
lying over E. Japan yesterday is moving away
over the Pacific.
Pressure has increased considerably S. Japan
and N. China.
The anti-cyclonic central over the continent
to the North of the Yangtze Valley, covers
China and W. Japan.

Fresh to strong monsoon will continue to
prevail along the coast and over the China Sea.
Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending
at 10 a.m. to-day, 6.00 inches.
The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon
to-day is as follows—

DISTRICT	Forecast
Hongkong & Neighbourhood	N.E. winds, strong.
Fernando Channel	Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lianaoek	Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan	Same as No. 1.
N.E. and E. winds, fresh; fair.	

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

27th DECEMBER, A.M.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
Vladivostok	7a.	30.17	61	—	NW	0	b
Nagasaki	7a.	29.53	—	—	—	—	—
Hakodadi	7a.	29.89	—	—	NE	0	—
Tokio	7a.	30.01	—	—	—	—	—
Koshi	7a.	30.23	—	—	SW	1	—
Nagasaki	7a.	30.31	—	—	N	1	—
Kagoshima	7a.	30.31	—	—	N	1	—
Oshima	7a.	30.26	—	—	—	—	—
Naha	7a.	30.25	—	—	NE	1	—
Ishijima	7a.	30.21	—	—	NE	4	—
Bonin Is.	7a.	30.06	—	—	N	1	—
Chico	7a.	30.06	—	—	—	—	—
Wailawai	7a.	30.64	27	73	NNW	6	b
Hankow	7a.	30.45	37	81	—	—	—
Kiating	7a.	30.45	37	81	—	—	—
Shanghai	7a.	30.56	42	67	NNW	1	0
Gulafu	7a.	30.49	44	68	N	4	0
Sharp Peak	7a.	30.39	57	69	N	2	0
Amoy	7a.	30.27	57	69	N	2	0
Swatow	7a.	30.26	—	—	—	—	—
Taihou	7a.	30.17	—	—	—	—	—
Taiwan	7a.	30.16	—	—	NE	6	—
Koshun	7a.	30.08	—	—	NE	6	—
Pescadore	7a.	30.1	—	—	NE	10	—
Canton	7a.	30.28	72	81	N	1	0
Hongkong	7a.	30.26	68	81	N	3	0
Cap Peak	7a.	30.24	—	—	—	—	—
Cap Peak	7a.	30.24	—	—	—	—	—
Macao	7a.	30.25	59	—	N	1	0
Yuchow	7a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yichow	7a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	7a.	30.18	63	—	ENE	2	0
Thalien	7a.	30.15	72	—	ENE	2	0
Touma	7a.	30.15	72	—	ENE	2	0
C. St. James	7a.	30.09	75	—	NE	3	0
Amoy	7a.	30.34	57	—	—	—	—
Manila	7a.	30.64	86	74	ENE	1	0
Luzon	7a.	30.7	77	—	NE	2	0
Ililo	7a.	29.93	79	—	N	1	0
Cebu	7a.	29.93	81	—	N	1	0
Labuan	7a.	29.89	82	—	N	1	0

P. G. Fick, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, December 27th, 1911.
1. BAROMETER, reduced to 53 degrees Fahrenheit on
the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the
humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.
6. STATE OF WEATHER, by blue sky, or drizzle,
cloud, or drizzling rain, fog, or rain, hail, or
lightning, or overcast, or passing showers, or squally,
rain, or snow, or thunder, or visibility, or dew (wet)
or rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hour.	Day at 4 p.m.	On 1st at 10 a.m.	On 2nd at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.14	30.25	30.15
Temperature	50	62	66
Humidity	32	61	77
Wind Direction	East	East	West
Force	2	3	1
Weather	o	o	o
Rain	o	o	o

Highest open air Temperature on 26th, 62
Lowest open air Temperature on 26th, 54

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 28th Dec., to 3rd Jan., 1912

HIGH WATER.				LOW WATER.			
Days of Week.	Days of Month.	H'kong Mean Time.	Height.	H'kong Mean Time.	Height.		
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.		
Thurs.	23	0 44	6 1	9 2	2 4		
		2 30	4 6	11 20	2 6		
Fri.	29	0 45	5 5	9 43	2 5		
		4 54	5 3	10 24	4 2		
Sat.	30	3 32	5 2	10 13	2 6		
		5 17	5 8				
Sun.	31	5 10	4 8	0 0	3 5		
		5 42	4 6	11 15	2 2		
Mon.	1	6 39	4 6	11 20	2 0		
		6 16	4 5	11 55	1 8		
Tues.	2	7 50	4 5	1 53	1 8		
		6 59	7 6	0 34	2 5		
Wed.	3	8 56	4 4	2 42	1 1		
		7 47	8 0	1 14	3 3		

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, NYANZA AND YOKOHAMA	DELTA Capt. E. P. Martin, R.N.R.	About 30th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	DELTA Capt. E. P. Martin, R.N.R.	About 4th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS (DEVANHA OF CALL)	DELTA Capt. W. R. Hickey	Noon 5th Jan.	See Special Advertisement.
LONDON and ANTWERP	DELTA Capt. R. A. Peters	About 10th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
SINGAPORE, PE. SYRIA	DELTA Capt. R. A. Peters	About 10th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
NAG. COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	DELTA Capt. R. A. Peters	About 10th Jan.	Freight and Passage.

For Further Particulars apply to
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1911.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 28th Dec., 4 P.M.	
AMOI, NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"KWAHNGSE"	On 28th Dec., 4 P.M.	
HAIPHONG	"SUNGKIANG"	On 30th Dec., 10 A.M.	
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 30th Dec., Midnight	
DIRECT SAILINGS TO WEST RIVER, TWICE WEEKLY.	S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "SANUL"		

ALAUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms. A daily qualified Surgeon is carried. REDUCED FARES, Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and American Ports.

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SHANGHAI LINE—FAST SCHEDULE TWIN SCREW STEAMERS "ANHUI," "CHENAN," "CHINQUA" and "LINAN" with excellent accommodation. Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloon. Leaving Hongkong for Shanghai direct every Thursday and Sunday, taking cargo on through bills of lading to all Yantai and Northern China Ports.

Passengers must embark before Mid-night on SATURDAY, for the SUNDAY Morning sailings. A Co.'s launch leaves Murray Pier at 10 o'clock every SATURDAY Night.

These Steamers Land Passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of the transshipment at Woosung.

REDUCED FARES:—SINGLE \$45.....RETURN \$75.
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For Freight and Passage apply to—
HONGKONG, 28th December, 1911.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LD.

STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	LEAVING
"HAICHING"	Capt. W. C. Passmore	FRIDAY, 29th Dec., at 11 A.M.

Steamers will arrive at and Depart from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).
For Freight and Passage, apply to—
DOUGLAS, LA PRAIK & Co.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1911.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE

STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	LEAVING
"SILESIA"	Capt. W. C. Passmore	FRIDAY, 29th Dec., at 11 A.M.

Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES, via STRAITS and COLOMBO, to MARSEILLES, HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG and to NEW YORK.

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NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

OUTWARD.	HOMeward.
S.S. SILESIA ... 1st Jan.	For HAVRE, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP: S.S. BRASLIA ... 7th Jan.
S.S. AMERICA ... 15th Jan.	For HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG: S.S. DORTMUND ... 13th Jan.
S.S. GOLDENFELS ... 24th Jan.	For MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG: S.S. EGROVIA ... 23rd Jan.
S.S. FUEVIA ... 8th Feb.	For HAVRE, HAMBURG & ANTWERP: S.S. SILESIA ... 23rd Feb.
S.S. FUEVIA ... 20th Feb.	For HAVRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG: S.S. SAMBIA ... 3rd Feb.
S.S. BELGICA ... 1st Mar.	For ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP: S.S. SAXONIA ... 16th Feb.
S.S. SACHSEN ... 18th Mar.	For HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG: S.S. AMERICA ... 18th Feb.
S.S. C. FERD. LAEISZ ... 3rd April.	For ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP: S.S. SPEZIA ... 27th Feb.

For Further Particulars, apply to—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1911.

INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG"	Thursday, 28th Dec., 3 P.M.	
SHANGHAI, KOBE and MOJI	"FOOKSANG"	Friday, 29th Dec., Noon.	
SANDAKAN via JESSELTON	"MAUSANG"	Saturday, 30th Dec., Noon.	
MANILA	"LOGSANG"	Saturday, 30th Dec., 2 P.M.	
SHANGHAI	"CHOYSANG"	Tuesday, 2nd Jan., D'light	
MANILA	"WINGSANG"	Saturday, 6th Jan., 2 P.M.	

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN, (OCCUPYING 24 DAYS).

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1911.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA

IMPERIAL JAPANESE TRANS-PACIFIC MAIL LINES.

STEAMER	Tons	CAPTAIN	DATE OF SAILING.
TENYO MARU	21,000	E. Bont	FRIDAY, 29th Dec., at Noon.
SHINYO MARU	21,000	H. S. Smith	FRIDAY, 19th Jan., Noon-19-12
CHIYO MARU	21,000	W. W. Greene	FRIDAY, 16th Feb. 1912
NIPPON MARU	11,000	A. G. Stevens	FRIDAY, 8th March, at Noon.

All Steamers are equipped with the Japanese Government Wireless Telegraph and Post Office.

The Triple Screw Steamer "TENYO MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, 29th December, at Noon.

INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.

The Twin Screw S.S. "NIPPON MARU" 11,000 tons, Captain A. G. Stevens, will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, the 8th March, at Noon.

STEAMER	Tons	DATE OF SAILING.
KIYO MARU	17,500	TUESDAY, 13th Feb., at Noon, 1912.
BUYO MARU	10,500	TUESDAY, 9th April, at Noon.
HONGKONG MARU	11,000	FRIDAY, 7th June, at Noon.

The Steamer "KIYO MARU" will be despatched hence for MEXICAN, PERUVIAN and CHILIAN PORTS via MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, 13th February, at Noon.

TO	FARES FROM HONGKONG:
LONDON	£71-10-0
VALPARAISO	£57-0-0

FARES BY INTERMEDIATE STEAMER.

TO	FARES FROM HONGKONG:
HONOLULU	£23-0-0
SAN FRANCISCO	£25-0-0
CHICAGO	£36-10-0
NEW YORK	£40-0-0
LONDON VIA NEW YORK	£45-0-0

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STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	LEAVING
"SI-KIANG"	Capt. E. de Catalano	FRIDAY, 29th Dec., at 11 A.M.

(1st and 2nd CLASSES) will leave Hongkong for
KWANG CHOW WANG and HAIPHONG,
on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd JAN., 1912, at 9 A.M.

For Passage and Freight apply to
P. THOMAS, M.M. Co.'s AGENT.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	LEAVING
"TACOMA MARU"	Capt. E. de Catalano	FRIDAY, 29th Dec., at 11 A.M.

REGULAR SERVICES, PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to Alteration).

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FOR	STEAMERS	Tons	LEAVES.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, AND YOKOHAMA	"TACOMA MARU"	6,128	WED'DAY, 24th Jan., at 11 A.M.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, AND YOKOHAMA	"CANADA MARU"	6,064	TUESDAY, 9th Jan., at 11 A.M.
	"PANAMA MARU"	6,059	SATURDAY, 3rd Feb., at 11 A.M.

O. S. K. has made the following revision on 1st class passage to Victoria, Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver, Portland, and San Francisco:

From Hongkong, Shanghai and Keelung	G. \$130.00
From Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	G. \$110.00
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FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVES.
TAMU via SWATOW and AMOI	"DAIGI MARU"	SUNDAY, 31st Dec., at 10 A.M.
FOOCHOW via SWATOW and AMOI	"CHOSHUN MARU"	WED'DAY, 10th Jan., at 8 A.M.

For information of Freight, Passage, Sailings, etc., apply at the Co.'s Local Branch Office, at Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

S. HIROI,
MANAGER

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMER	Tons	DATE OF SAILING.
ASSAYE	7500	February 3
HIMALAYA	7000	February 17
DELHI	8000	March 2
INDIA	8000	March 16
DEVANHA	8000	March 30
DELTA	8000	April 13
ASSAYE	7500	April 27
DELHI	8000	May 11
		May 25
		June 8
		June 22
		June 26

STEAMERS	Leave	Connecting Steamers	Due	Due
to	HONGKONG	from COLOMBO to	MARSEILLES (Brindisi 2 days earlier)	PLYMOUTH (London 1 day later)
COLOMBO		MARSEILLES & LONDON		

STEAMERS	Leave	Due
NYANZA	February about 7	March about 22
NILE	March 6	April 17
NUBIA	April 3	May 17
SUMATRA	April 17	May 31
NAMUR	May 1	June 14
PALAWAN	May 15	June 29
BORNEO	May 29	July 13
SYRIA	June 12	July 27
NORE	June 26	August 10

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BORNEO	May 29	July 13
SYRIA	June 12	July 27
NORE	June 26	August 10

These Steamers call also at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and at MARSEILLES.

FARES TO LONDON:

1st SALOON	£53.0	SINGLE	£82.10	RETURN	
2nd	£39.10				

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SUPERINTENDENT.

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DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS	Tons	SAILING DATES
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORT SAID	KITANO MARU Capt. F. E. Core	9,000	WED'DAY, 3rd Jan., at Daylight
	IYO MARU Capt. R. Takeda	7,000	WED'DAY, 17th Jan., at Daylight
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, AND YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU Capt. K. Noda	7,000	TUESDAY, 2nd Jan., at Noon
	AWA MARU Capt. T. Iizawa	7,000	TUESDAY, 30th Jan., at Noon
	SADO MARU Capt. Richardo	7,000	SATURDAY, 27th Jan., from Kobe
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	KUMANO MARU Capt. M. Winkler	6,000	FRIDAY, 19th Jan., at Noon
	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine	5,000	FRIDAY, 16th Jan., at Noon
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	COLOMBO MARU Capt. J. Teranaka	5,000	TUESDAY, 9th Jan.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TANGO MARU Capt. K. Kawara	7,000	THURSDAY, 4th Jan., A.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine	5,000	WED'DAY, 17th Jan., at Noon
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	TOSA MARU Capt. Sato	6,000	WED'DAY, 3rd Jan.
SHANGHAI and KOBE	MIKE MARU Capt. M. Tabusa	4,000	MONDAY, 1st Jan.

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NEW LINE OF STEAMERS

BETWEEN KOBE & CALCUTTA.

STEAMER	Tons	CAPTAIN	From Hongkong
TANGO MARU	8,000	K. Kawara	February 14th
KAMO	8,000	E. L. Sommer	February 28th
AKI	7,000	K. Iizawa	March 13th
MISHIMA	9,000	A. C. More	March 27th
KAGA	7,000	M. Hingio	April 10th
ATSUTA	9,000	Wm. Thompson	April 24th
MITACHI	7,000	T. Yamawaki	May 8th
MIXASAKI	9,000	T. Mural	May 22nd

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FOR SEATTLE.

INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tomioka	February 27th
TAMBA	7,000	K. Noda	March 13th
SANUKI	7,000		April 27th
AWA	7,000	T. Iizawa	April 23rd
INABA	7,000	S. Tomioka	May 7th

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 Hongkong, 12th December, 1911.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

The Post Office will be open on Monday, the 1st January, from 8 to 9 a.m. only.
 In the event of the arrival of the French Mail from Europe the Post Office will be open
 one hour for the delivery thereof.

There will be one delivery and one collection of letters as on Sunday.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

The *Bellevue*, with the German mail, left Singapore on Sunday, the 24th inst., at 9 a.m.,
 and may be expected here to-morrow.

The *Prima*, with the Siberian Mail, is due to arrive here on Saturday, the 30th inst.

FOR	PER	DATE
Fort Bayard	America	Thursday, 28th, 9.00 A.M.
Amoy	Hong Kong	Thursday, 28th, 10.00 A.M.
Bangkok	Phranong	Thursday, 28th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Thursday, 28th, 1.15 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Kulsang	Thursday, 28th, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Chenau	Thursday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Amoy, Ningpo and Shanghai	Kwanpo	Thursday, 28th, 4.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Kioto	Thursday, 28th, 4.00 P.M.
Amoy	Glenduff	Thursday, 28th, 4.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hatching	Friday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Fookang	Friday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO	Tenjo Maru	Friday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.
Kobe, Yoko, Utsu, Suifu, Tsukuba, Ponape, Kusaie, Juchit, Nauru, Rabaul and Sydney	Germania	Friday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKO- HAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER (B.C.)	Monteagle	Friday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE	Singhaing	Saturday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
Heilong (Taking Mails for Peking)	Prinz Sigismund	Saturday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
Manila, Cebu, Hong Kong, Yoko, Friedrich, Wien, Hamburg, Liebau, Herberstahke, Ma- tupi, Samara, Hirschen, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Mel- bourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	Loongang	Saturday, 30th, 1.00 P.M.
Manila, Cebu and Hilo	Sui Tai	Saturday, 30th, 1.15 P.M.
Macao	Lightning	Saturday, 30th, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Mansang	Saturday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Jessellou, and Sandakan	Kubi	Saturday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Manila, Mangarin, Hilo and Cebu	Linan	Saturday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI	Sui Tai	Sunday, 31st, 1.15 P.M.
SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE	Choyang	Sunday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Tamba Maru	Monday, 1st, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai		Tuesday, 2nd, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Seattle		Tuesday, 2nd, 10.00 A.M.
EUROPE, A.C., INDIA via TUTOBIN (Late Letters 11.00 to Noon.) Extra Postage 10 cents Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail	Australien	Tuesday, 2nd, 10.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO	Persia	Tuesday, 2nd, 10.00 A.M.
SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE		Tuesday, 2nd, 10.00 A.M.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, Sourabaya and Macassar	Tjitaroen	Tuesday, 2nd, 10.00 A.M.
EUROPE, A.C., INDIA via TUTOBIN (Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to Noon.) Extra Postage 10 cents (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail) The Parcel mail will be closed on Friday, the 5th Jan., at 5 P.M. Manila, Cebu and Hilo	Deranka	Tuesday, 2nd, 10.00 A.M.
	Wingsang	Tuesday, 2nd, 10.00 A.M.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 27th.	
ON LONDON:	
Telegraphic Transfer	1.10 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	1.10 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1.10 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1.10 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	1.10 1/2
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	1.10 1/2
ON PARIS:	
Bank Bills, on demand	237
Credits, at 4 months' sight	237
ON GERMANY:	
On demand	190
ON NEW YORK:	
Bank Bills, on demand	45 1/2
Credits, at 60 days' sight	46 1/2
ON BOMBAY:	
Telegraphic Transfer	138 1/2
Bank, on demand	138 1/2
ON CALCUTTA:	
Telegraphic Transfer	138 1/2
Bank, on demand	138 1/2
ON SHANGHAI:	
Bank, at sight	74 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight	75 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA:	
On demand	90 1/2
ON MANILA:	
On demand	90 1/2
ON SINGAPORE:	
On demand	79 1/2
ON BATAVIA:	
On demand	111 1/2
ON HAIPHONG:	
On demand	111 1/2
ON SAIGON:	
On demand	111 1/2
ON BANGKOK:	
On demand	111 1/2
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$10.70
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tola	\$56.40
SILVER, per tola	\$25.40
SUBSIDIARY COINS.	
Chinese, 200 cents pieces	\$5.37 discount
Chinese, 100 " "	\$5.60
Hongkong, 20 " "	\$5.14
Hongkong, 10 " "	\$5.35

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SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 27th, 1911.

STOCKS	NO. OF SHARES	VALUE	PAID UP	CLOSING QUOTA- TIONS CASE
BANKS—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$862 1/2, buyers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	all	\$10, sellers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$5	all	\$1.10
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$9
COTTON MILLS—				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 85
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	\$4 1/2, sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	all	Tls. 51
Leau-Kung-Kow Cotton & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 65
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 28
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	all	\$20 1/2, sellers
DOCK AND WHARVES—				
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$55, sellers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$45, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$6 1/2	all	\$7, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 57
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 89
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	all	\$3 1/2
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	all	\$2 1/2
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$2 1/2
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50 1/2	all	\$11 1/2
Manila Metropole Hotel Limited	8,000	\$50 1/2	all	\$75
Hongkong and China Company, Limited	15,000	Pa. 10	all	\$10, sellers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	50,000	\$25	all	\$24
Hongkong South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	\$18
INSURANCES—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$188
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$128 1/2, buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	\$105
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$5	\$352 1/2
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$2	Tls. 145
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$10	\$822 1/2, buyers
Yongtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$5	\$212 1/2, @ Ex 75
LANDS AND BUILDINGS—				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	\$100, buyers
Hongkong Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$6 1/2, buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$5	\$50, sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 95
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all	\$48, buyers
Maatschappij tot Mijn- en Bosch-en- Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat	25,000	Gds. 10	all	Tls. 67
MINING—				
Societe Francaise des Charbonnages de Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$695
Reich Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	all	\$3 1/2, buyers
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$11 1/2
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$5, sales
REFINERIES—				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$100
London Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$29, sellers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	all	\$10
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$21
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	all	\$27, buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	\$5	all	\$61
Shanghai and Canton S.S. Co., Ltd.	60,000 def.	\$5	all	\$61
Shanghai and Canton S.S. Co., Ltd.	2,500,000	\$1	all	\$17 1/2, sales
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$5
South China Morning Post, Limited	10,000	\$25	all	\$22 1/2
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	all	\$64
STORES AND DISPENSARIES—				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$15, buyers
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	all	\$43, buyers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$3, buyers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	30,000	\$10	all	\$5
Weissmann, Limited	15,000	\$10	all	\$15, buyers
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	9,900 ordy.	\$10	all	\$12, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	100 fliers	\$10	all	\$30 1/2
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$7 1/2, buyers

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS.	
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